



THE COMMON THREAD

HAMILTON QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next General Meeting: Wednesday, January 14 7:30 p.m.

Executive Meeting: Monday, January 19 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Listen to Radio/TV reports for weather cancellations. If Mohawk and McMaster cancel evening classes, our Guild meeting will be cancelled as well.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Leigh Forrest)

There will be no President's Message this month. Leigh has been very ill since the day before New Year's Eve. Get well soon Leigh - we need you.

Please check your newsletter for the next executive meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT (Pam Smith)

Hello Quilting Friends:

I have sent a caring card to Marjorie Green who has not been feeling well. A caring card will also be sent to Denise Julian for the loss of her father-in-law.

As you all know, that I am Captain of one of our teams for the "Relay for Life". I am looking for some new team mates, so if anyone is interested please let me know.

Also, please let me know if one of our Guild Members would appreciate receiving a "caring card" from us to lift their spirits.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (Barbara Mahaffy, Maureen Czerneda, Karen Laposa)

A passion for Quilting! January's speaker will be our very own enthusiastic Lorna Pennie. Lorna has been a quilter for twenty years and a member of our guild for five years. She is passionate about colour, shape and symbolism and has used quilts in her volunteer work as a group therapist, especially with troubled youth. In January she will use her recent quilts to illustrate lessons we learn on our quilting journey.

February we will hear from Janet Rhind from Oakville, and in March we will have Sandra Meech from England.

There will be no demo on January's Stitch Out because the entire room will be taken over with all the sellers for the Quilter's Table Sale.

The Program Committee will be announcing the particulars for the "Winter Quilt Challenge" at the meeting so stay tuned and bring along a toonie.

STITCH-OUT NIGHTS (PROGRAMME AND WORKSHOP)

JANUARY 28, 2009--- GUILD TABLE SALE!!! This is a perfect chance to clean out your sewing room! Set up 6:30, sale from 7:00 to 9:00. Rent half a table for \$2.00. See details in this Newsletter

MYSTERY QUILT—February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27. Join Lawna Eslary on this mystery tour! For only \$20 you will receive 4 classes plus a book with the mystery quilt in it, and 8 more quilt projects. Lawna will teach you 5 different blocks, one at a time. When you complete one block, you will receive instructions for the next. You will end up with 32 blocks in a 51" by 64" quilt without borders. You will be helped with fabric suggestions to make your quilt exquisite.

FREE-FORM CURVES---Feb. 25 and March 25, taught by Maureen Czerneda. Maureen will teach you to make beautiful and varied curves with your rotary cutter, which you can adapt to many patterns. You will end up with a lovely wall-hanging or small quilt. Maureen will show samples at our January meeting. Cost--\$10.00 plus supplies.

SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE

JANUARY 24 --9 to 4, UFO (UnFinished Object) Bring sewing supplies and lunch. \$10

FEBRUARY 21 --9 to 4, "IT'S IN THE BAG" There was much interest in the large batik tote bag that Kathy Sukovich and Judy Carpenter showed at our November Show and Tell. Come to learn to make it, or work on your own UFO. \$10. Sign up now.

MARCH 21 --9 to 9, UFO, with catered supper. \$25.

APRIL 18 -- 9 to 4, LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP with JANET RHIND. Janet will be our guest speaker in February. She will teach us to make beautiful small landscapes, by needle- turn applique. \$25 plus supplies. Registration starts now.

MAY 23 9 to 4, UFO, \$10

JULY 18 9 to 4, UFO, \$10

AUGUST 15 9 to 4, UFO, \$10

TO REGISTER FOR STITCH-OUTS AND SATURDAYS AT GREENSVILLE: sign up at the Workshop table at our Guild meetings. It is now in a NEW LOCATION at the back of the church hall.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

CORRECTION from Lorna Pennie: In the Table Sale e-mail sent out last Dec.29 to all Guild members, I mistakenly typed January 25 ---not once but twice! The date for our General meeting is of course Wednesday, January 14 and the Table Sale is Wednesday, January 28. You can register for a table on January 14 and pay for your space on January 28. There is no Guild event on January 25. I apologize for the confusion!

CLEAN-OUT-YOUR-SEWING-ROOM SALE!!!

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Church of the Resurrection

700 to 9:00

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Rent half a table for \$2.00.
2. Bring all quilt-related items (fabric, books, patterns, notions, etc.) with prices.
3. Sell these items from your table. If you want to purchase from other tables, we will be on the honour system
4. You keep all the money you make.

SET-UP: 6:30

SALE STARTS: 7:00 sharp!

WHAT IF I JUST WANT TO DONATE MY STUFF? There will be a Guild Table, with all proceeds going to the Guild.

OTHER FEATURES: There will be a scrap table, to pile your scraps on if you wish. Fill a bag for a toonie!

WHAT ELSE TO BRING:

1. Small change for float
2. Container for money
3. Your name tag

This Sale is for Guild members only

BUY OR SELL OR BOTH!

CLEAN OUT YOUR STASH! BUY NEW STUFF!

TO REGISTER: Sign up at the Workshop Table at our January Guild meetings

SHOW AND TELL (November, 2008)

Thank you to all those who showed us their quilts in December:

Linda Jackson	Two tote bags, Star Trails quilt, Victorian Beauty
Debbie Adams	Reversible Xmas tree skirt
Shelley Ballantyne	Appliqued cats wall hanging, Laural Birch Xmas wall hanging
Lucy Ronald	Cardinal wall hanging, Placemats grow to a quilt
Janet Heastant	Bargello spirals from class
Muriel Middleton	Row houses quilt, pineapple blossom stash buster quilt
Jan Ballantyne	Log cabin, Flowers and roses quilts

FROM THE LIBRARY (Jan, Sandy, Judy, Marg, Saralynn)

We have a new book - Confetti Quilts by Mary Mashuta - a no-fuss approach to colour, fabric and design. Please remember to return the books you borrowed in November. Thank you.

FROM MEMBERSHIP (Bonnie, Judy, Karen)

Please change the following email address: Anne Rossignoli - rmusicguy@sourcecable.net

NOTICES

PLACEMATS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS (Brenda Lupton)

This year I collected 474 Christmas placemats for meals on wheels. So a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who donated placemats for the VON.

BATT'S BATTERIES - Carole Battersby

Almost 10 lbs. of used batteries were brought in last December - thank you ladies. Keep bringing in any kind of used batteries - AAA to 9-volt, regular, alkaline or rechargeable - to the Guild meetings or Cuddle Quilters. An approved battery recycling depot is across the street from my home. There are collector bags inside the flowered box.....take 1 or 2 home to bring in your batteries. Thank you all for helping to Save the Environment!

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS: These labels are worth points to grade school students, who trade them for athletic equipment for their schools. If you're not already saving those labels for another group, please collect them for us! The students appreciate any help they can get.

Please save the entire label -- just slit them along one side, making sure the UPC codes are intact. Bring them in along with your used batteries and put them in the "Batt's Batteries" box.

180 labels were submitted in **November**, and in **December 36** labels were brought in -- THANK YOU!
Carole Battersby.

QUILT SHOW

Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild is having a quilt show in Peterborough, Ontario on the Mothers' Day Weekend in May, 2009. For more information contact Margaret Lilley, Publicity Committee, at marg.lilley@sympatico.ca

The York Heritage Quilters Guild has spaces available in their upcoming January workshops with Canadian quilter Cathy Tomm. . Interested quilters should contact Joanne Fleming 416-489-7393 or Judy Beca 416-477-1711

Cathy Tomm is an award winning quilter from Leduc Alberta who produces vibrant art quilts. She began her quilting career making traditional pieced quilts but her artistic abilities quickly led her to design her own art quilts and to create rich colourful fabrics. She likes to experiment with simple shapes and vibrant colours and many of her quilts show a strong graphic repeating element. Her abilities as a professional long arm quilter are evident in her dynamic quilting. Cathy Tomm's workshops will be held at **The Latvian Cultural Centre**, 4 Credit Union Drive, Toronto in the Eglinton/Don Valley Parkway area.

Luminous Diamonds

Tuesday January 20, 2009

Fee: \$50

Using triangles as the basic unit of design, a shape or pattern will be created that the student wishes to continue into a repeat. Colour flow and contrast within the quilt will be considered in order to create a good blend from one colour to another. The size of the project will be individually determined depending on your design and preferences.

CUDDLE QUILTS (Louise Forrest and Cathy Crocket)

Cuddle Quilts -January 20, 2009

Location: Harmony Baptist Church, 1763 Upper James St., (above Rymal Road), 9:30 - 2:30 pm. Join fellow quilters for a day of sewing, chatting and learning some new patterns or a new technique. January 20, 2009.

For members who would like to make a quilt or quilt tops at home they should be crib size 40" x 60". The ages will range from new born to two years old.

Please wear you lanyard so we can get to know each other. Bring your lunch, tea and cookies are supplied

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Jennifer Bakker)

Please be sure to send me any changes regarding your email to bakker.j@sympatico.ca

Following is a list of sizes and prices for Ads in the newsletter:

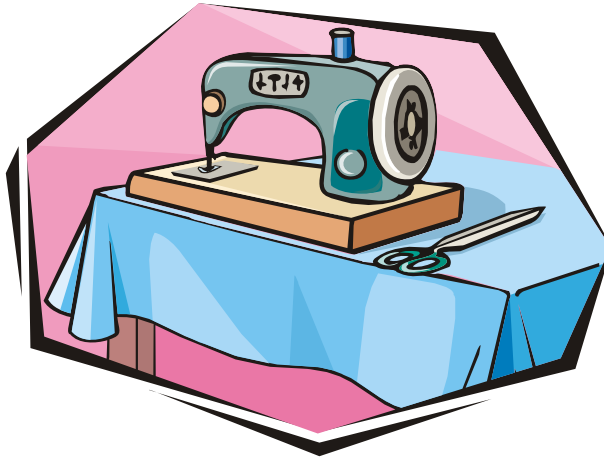
SIZE - PRICE PER MONTH (Personal Ads, 20% discount for Guild Members)

4" x 2"	\$ 5.00 (business card size)
3" x 4"	\$10.00
Half page	\$15.00
Full page	\$20.00

QUOTABLE QUOTES

*IF ALL THE WORLD WERE QUILTERS, WE COULD **BIND** OUR WOUNDS, **MEND** OUR DIFFERENCES, **HARMONIZE** OUR COLOURS AND **BLEND** OUR BORDERS*

*TODAY'S PRAYER: LORD, KEEP YOUR ARM AROUND MY SHOULDER AND YOUR HAND OVER MY MOUTH.
(Sent in by Carole Battersby)*



FOR SALE

Pfaff Grand Quilter and Next Generation Quilt Frame - 10ft. Machine just serviced. Extra tools available: Lamp, extra feet, needle plate, laser, tool box. Price \$1,995, obo. Jeanne Kerr, email jkerr@quickclic.net or 905 388-27

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